(b) United Bank of India has also reported that preparation by all participating banks for the credit camps including receipt and processing of loan applications was originally spread over the period beginning January 4, 1986. For convenience of processing of applications, 10th April, 1986 was set as the last date for receipt of applications for the credit camps. This date was subsequently extended. As per available information these credit camps have not been held so far.

(c) and (d) State Bank of India has reported that because of large inflow of applications towards the close of the preparation period, some of its officers had expressed difficulties in processing the applications and completing all the formalities.

Import of drugs by drug companies

1138. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some drug companies have been found involved in importing drugs and drug intermediates under the names of other drugs on which there is either concessional customs duty or exempted customs duty; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what are the names of such drug companies; and

(c) what action has been taken against such drug companies?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER). (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Import of small arms by STC

1139. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation had recently imported small arms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the names of countries from which these arms were imported;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange involved in the import of these arms; and

(d) in what manner these arms were disposed of by the State Trading Corporation and the names and particulars of individuals|firms to whom these arms were sold by the STC and the amount realised on the sale of these arms?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Under Import Policy for 1978-79, as a canalising agency, STC imported 3122 small arms during 1979 and 1980 for distribution to licensed arms dealers|recognised rifle association. These small arms were imported from Spain, Federal Republic of Germany & USA.

(c) An amount of Rs. 24.94 lakhs was spent in foreign exchange on the import of these arms.

(d) Most of the arms have been sold to licensed arms dealers|recognised rifle associations as per the demand registered by them with STC.

A statement indicating names and particulars of the arms dealers|recognised rifle associations is given below. [*See* Appendix CXXXVIII Annexure No. 30] The amount realised on sale of these arms so far amouut to Rs. 209.88 lakhs.

Modernisation of units under National Textile Corporation (WBABO)

1140. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of the National Textile Corporation Limited, New Delhi has directed certain units under the NTC (WBABO) Limited, to curtail and pruns the modernisation programme and as a consequence thereof various contracts for which awards were already made and given have to be cancelled;